



Durham Neighborhood Energy Retrofit Program

OTHER ENERGY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO DURHAM COUNTY RESIDENTS

In addition to the Durham Neighborhood Energy Retrofit Program (www.greenerdurham.net), other programs to financially assist Durham County residents with energy retrofits include the following:

FREE home energy upgrades through state assistance programs

If your household income is below the amount below, you may qualify for free home energy upgrades ranging up to \$4,000 in value, including replacing inefficient heating and air systems. Priority for the most expensive upgrades is for the elderly, disabled, and families with children. Available to both renters and homeowners.

Eligibility:	Income below	\$21,660 for family of 1	\$51,580 for family of 5
		\$29,140 for family of 2	\$59,060 for family of 6
		\$36,620 for family of 3	\$66,540 for family of 7
		\$44,100 for family of 4	\$74,020 for family of 8

Contact: Call Operation Breakthrough, phone 919-688-8111 ext. 271

FREE home energy audits from Duke Energy (limited availability)

A trained energy specialist will visit your home and conduct a thorough in-home analysis and provide you with a free energy efficiency starter kit. Limited availability, first come, first served.

Eligibility: Duke Energy customer, homeowner, single family home, lived there for at least 4 months, have an electric water heater and/or electric heat.

Contact: Call toll free 1-877-388-7676 or submit online form at www.duke-energy.com/north-carolina/savings/offers.asp

DISCOUNT on home energy audits from PSNC

For \$25, a PSNC energy audit technician will walk through your house and assess your home energy efficiency.

Eligibility: PSNC customer with natural gas heat or water heating, home built prior to April 15, 1993.

Contact: Call toll free 1-877-776-2427 or see www.psnccenergy.com/en/save-energy-and-money/

DISCOUNT on home energy audits from Cooperative Extension (limited availability)

For \$100, professional building science specialist will conduct a thorough energy analysis of your home. Limited availability and homeowner must attend free energy conservation workshop.

Eligibility: Homeowner with home 5 years old or more and no larger than 2,000 square feet with only one heating/air conditioning system.

Contact: Call Durham County Center of NC Cooperative Extension Service, 919-560-0525.

REBATES on energy-saving appliances through the State of North Carolina

15% state rebate for new EnergyStar clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and freezers bought April 22-25, 2010. Rebates will later be offered for EnergyStar gas water heaters, air conditioners, heat pumps and gas furnaces offered through PSNC and Duke Energy, adding to the rebates offered by PSNC and Duke Energy.

Eligibility: Must recycle old appliance. Only one rebate per appliance type per household.

Contact: Call State Energy Office at 919-733-2230 or see www.energync.net

REBATES on energy-saving equipment through PSNC

\$100 rebates for replacing home natural gas furnace, natural gas boiler, or natural gas water heater with a more energy efficient natural gas model.

Eligibility: PSNC customer; purchase of replacement must be after March 20, 2009; receipt must be submitted within 90 days of purchase; equipment must meet certain standards.

Contact: Call toll free 1-877-777-6242 or check out additional information and download rebate form from www.psnccenergy.com/en/save-energy-and-money/

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REBATES on energy-saving equipment through Duke Energy

\$200 rebates for replacing heat pumps or air conditioners with qualifying energy efficient models.

Eligibility: Duke Energy customer; single-family home, condominium, duplex, or mobile home; equipment must meet certain standards and be installed on or after June 1, 2009.

Contact: Call toll free 1-866-785-6209 or see www.duke-energy.com/north-carolina/savings/smart-saver.asp

REBATES on water-saving (and therefore energy-saving) toilets from City of Durham

\$100 rebates for replacing toilet with a specified EPA WaterSense High Efficiency Toilet.

Eligibility: Toilet must be purchased after January 1, 2008. One rebate per household now, but check for updates.

Contact: Download rebate application form and receipt information at www.durhamnc.gov/departments/wm/toilet_rebates.cfm or call 919-560-4381.

TAX CREDITS from federal government for energy efficient equipment

The federal government offers a tax credit of 30% of the cost of improving the home shell or installing energy-efficient equipment, with a \$1,500 cap per home. The tax credit for improvements to the shell is based on the cost of equipment and materials installed, not the cost of labor. The credit for heating and cooling equipment is based on the cost of both materials and installation labor.

Eligibility: Home shell includes insulation and sealing, windows, skylights, external doors, and roofing. Heating and cooling equipment includes air conditioners, heat pumps, furnaces, boilers, fans, water heaters, and biomass stoves. Primary residence only. Expires December 31, 2010.

Contact: Specific requirements described at www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=tax_credits.tx_index#c1

TAX CREDITS from federal government for renewable energy equipment

The federal government offers homeowners a tax credit of 30% of the cost of equipment and labor for installing solar energy systems, wind systems, geothermal heat pumps, or fuel cells. Need not be primary residence. Note that a state tax credit can be taken on top of the federal tax credit.

Eligibility: Must have been placed in service between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2016; must have a Manufacturer Certification Statement that it qualifies.

Contact: Specific requirements described at www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=tax_credits.tx_index#c1

TAX CREDITS from State of North Carolina for renewable energy equipment

North Carolina offers a tax credit equal to 35% of the cost of eligible renewable energy equipment, with certain maximums (such as \$1,400 in tax credits for solar hot water). Note that the state tax credit can be taken on top of the federal tax credit.

Eligibility: Solar water heating, solar space heating, solar pool heating, photovoltaic, wind energy, geothermal water heating, and geothermal space heating and cooling systems.

Contact: See renewable energy tax credit (personal) described at NC link at www.dsireusa.org or call NC Solar Center, 919-515-3954.

NO SALES TAX on energy efficient appliances one weekend per year

North Carolina has set aside the first weekend in November each year as a "sales tax holiday" on certain Energy Star products certified by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy.

Eligibility: Energy Star clothes washers, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, heat pumps, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, and programmable thermostats. Home use only.

Contact: Call toll free to the NC Department of Revenue, 1-877-252-3052.

FREE WORKSHOPS for neighborhood energy groups from Clean Energy Durham

Clean Energy Durham provides free do-it-yourself workshops on no-cost and low-cost ways to save household energy. Workshops are for neighbors who want to learn as a group and pass information to other neighbors.

Eligibility: Neighbors must be willing to promote energy savings in their neighborhood with support from Clean Energy Durham.

Contact: Call Clean Energy Durham at 919-323-3244.

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